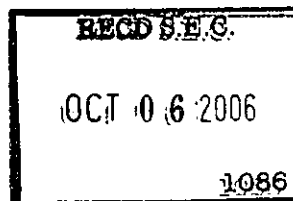


CERTINAS

Cik
819913**NASDAQ**THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET
LISTING QUALIFICATIONS DEPARTMENT
3500 BLACKWELL ROAD
BETHESDA, MD 20814

1-11252

Michael S. Emen
Senior Vice President
Listing QualificationsBy Facsimile and First Class Mail

October 6, 2006

Mr. Brian K. Johnson
Office of Filings and Information Services
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549**PROCESSED****DEC 01 2006****THOMSON
FINANCIAL**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that on October 5, 2006 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, \$0.18 par value

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,